



MINUTES
Selectboard Meeting
Monday, December 12, 2016 Town Meeting Room
6:00 PM

Selectmen: Ed Thorson, Russell Smith, Joy Nowell

Town Personnel: Dennis Pavlicek, Town Administrator; Pam Bryk, Administrative Assistant; Cal Prussman, Highway Administrator; Henry Thomas, Fire Chief; Tim Mulder, Blodgett Sewer; Tom Vannatta, Budget Committee; Ivor Freeman, Budget Committee; Christine Daniels, Budget Committee; Lea McBain, Library Director; Laura Pezone, Assistant Library Director; Lynne Tuohy, Library Trustee; Pat Sherman, Library Trustee.

Public: Cheron and Bruce Barton, Nancy Marashio, Liz and Ken Tentarelli, Dean Geddes, Bill Weiler, W. Feneberg, Lawrence LeBoeuf

1 Public Input

None

2 Presentations/Appointments

a) Paul Riley - Cemetery Trustee

Bill Weiler and Dean Geddes came in to discuss their decision on Harding Hill Farm to do the tree cutting at the South Newbury Cemetery. Weiler read a written statement regarding the fragile gravestones which are very expensive to replace, the use of equipment at the cemetery, and how the trees were over and running through the gravestones. They do not want bucket trucks used as there is no access road. Harding Hill who is Tyler Webb is the only one of the four quotes who is an arborist. Webb will care for the environment, will not use trucks or heavy equipment and has drawn out all the plans for removing each tree. The Board will approve the cut with Harding Hill Farm doing the work. The quotes are as follows: Harding Hill Farm - \$3800; New Hampshire Arbor Works LLC - \$4500; A Cut Above Tree Service - \$1800; JW Land Clearing - \$1300.

b) Vannatta, School Board and Feneberg, Superintendent

Tom Vannatta, School Board member; Superintendent Feneberg and Lawrence LeBoeuf, business administrator came in to talk about the 2017/2018 school budget. They are working on the 5th revision of the budget. January 7th, 2017 is the deliberative session. Feneberg said that the school budget is the biggest portion of tax bills for our seven towns. This is Feneberg second year here, he said this is a wonderful school district and we have a committed board of education. Most members have been here along time. The school budget is a complicated matter and there is a lot of money involved. My intention is to keep it steady and to steadily improve our children's education. We do have emergency money set aside. Our district has had several years of 100% of children graduating. We are trying to develop a budget that continues the good work that has been happening. We are working on future projects and preparing our students for a competitive world. Technology is costly, but we need to educate our students and teachers. I do meet with all the principals of all our schools and set annual goals. Our budgets are 75% personnel, with consists of teacher contracts, retirement, health benefits and other benefits. Our existing septic system is on borrowed time at the high school, it has been there 47 years. We are looking at a new septic system and leach field. Also our para educators successfully negotiated a three year contract. We need to think long term, we do have aging buildings. Pavlicek asked what is the proposing or projecting fund balance for next year. Leboeuf said it is 2% usually. Feneberg likes it steady but it is to early to tell yet. Nowell asked what is the projected enrollment for the future, Feneberg said it looks like a 100 kids up or down in the next ten years. As a district we have been pretty stable.

3 Regular Business

a) Department Head Discussion

Fire Department - Thomas - There were a lot of calls this week, firefighters have 14 to 18 plus hours. Calls were for accidents, medical calls, alarms, and Mountain Edge had a water issue. We have been receiving items this week on our open purchase orders. Also Thomas said they did have 75+% attendance for the active shooter awareness class and will be going for the grant which is not yet online.

Highway - Prussman - We had a lot of snow today. Four trailers of salt have been delivered. Prussman met with Mike Hansen of Hansen Bridge to discuss the bridge and guard rail issues. Hansen will work with CWS Fence and have another round of prices for us.

b) John Greenwood

The Board received an email from Greenwood regarding fees for buffer zone tree cuts and septic design review. Greenwood would like to implement fees, Smith wants to see what other towns do. Pavlicek will check fee schedules with surrounding towns. Smith doesn't have a problem with the \$25 fee for septic review but the tree cut fee seems high. Nowell agrees. Thorson would like to have more information from other towns to see what they charge.

c) TDS

Smith requested that we see if we can have TDS and Fairpoint come in and talk to us and let us know what is going on with the changeover and when it will be finished.

31. Correspondence

31.1. Lawrence - Chalk Pond Road

A pretrial date has been set for January 10, 2017.

31.2. Thomas - Chalk Pond Road

The Board would like Greenwood to go back and talk to the Thomas' and the neighbor and see what is going on. They would like Greenwood to come to next meeting.

31.3. New London Dispatch Newsletter

The Board received the November 30th newsletter.

31.4. Google My Business

The Newbury NH Town Dump is receiving a lot of inquires on google my business.

31.5. County of Merrimack

The Board received the Merrimack county's proposed budget. It will be up about 4%.

32. Approve Payroll/Payables

32.1. Payroll/Payables of December 10, 2016

The Board approved and signed the December 10th

payroll/payables.

33. Acceptance of Minutes

33.1. Selectboard Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2016

The Board approved and signed the November 28th meeting minutes.

34. Other Business

34.1. Abatement

The Board approved and signed an abatement for the overpayment of taxes in the amount of \$2508.00 to Gregory and Santi.

34.2. Intent to Excavate

The Board approved and signed an intent to excavate for Willow Pond, Village Road, map/lot #044-316-433.

34.3. Warrant

The Board approved and signed a timber tax warrant in the amount of \$3906.39 for High Mowing Family Trust, 38 Haynes Road, map/lot #027-007-481.

The Board approved and signed a timber tax warrant in the amount of \$539.52 for Overlook Terrace Rev. Trust, Route 103A, map/lot # 018-201-092 & 018-205-122.

34.4. Tree Cutting Application in the Protected Shoreland

The Board approved and signed a tree cutting application in the protected shoreland for Tomas Cvrk, 41 Pinecliff Road, map/lot #019-311-543.

35. Budget

35.1. Library

Library - \$198,404 - up \$23,880 - Approved

35.2. Fire

Fire Department - \$211,993 - up \$1,549 - Approved

35.3. Forest Fire

Forest Fire - \$1,080 - no change - Approved

35.4. Safety Communications Services

Safety Communications Services - \$35,052 - down \$1,301 -
Approved

35.5. Cemeteries

Cemeteries - \$24,025 - up \$150 - Approved

35.6. Blodgett Sewer

Blodgett Sewer - \$278,095 - up \$1,777 - Approved

35.7. Insurance

Insurance - \$83,513 - up \$4,500 - Approved

35.8. Revised Financial Administration

Financial Administration - \$587,950 - up \$36,269 - Approved

4 Non-Public Session

Per RSA 91-A:3, II, a-e

- a) Thorson made a motion at 8:37 p.m. to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II, c and d, Nowell seconded the motion, Roll call vote - Thorson - yes, Smith - yes, Nowell - yes.
Smith made a motion to seal the minutes indefinitely, Nowell seconded the motion, All in favor.

5 Adjournment

- a) The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Thorson made a motion to adjourn, Smith seconded the motion, All in favor.

Ed Thorson, Selectboard, Chair

Russell Smith, Selectboard

Joy Nowell, Selectboard